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DEATHS.

On December 23rd, at 8 a.m., at Mountain View, the late, Anne, dearly beloved wife of H. E. Cameron, aged 72 years.

On December 15th, WILLIAM CHARLES FURMAN, at Shanghai.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 24th, 1906.

ALTHOUGH perhaps not yet strictly true of Hongkong, we may accept with interest and satisfaction the dictum of WILLIAM J. S. LOCKYER, Ph.D., F.R.S., that "the new meteorology—namely, 'World Meteorology'—has dawned." A remarkable hot summer at home, and an early set in of a disagreeable winter, with snow early in November, has made "the weather" a topic in the mail papers; and the periodicity of climatic abnormalities has been noticed even by non-experts. On the eve of a soaking-drippy Christmas here, the subject of weather may also be considered topical locally. What Dr. LOCKYER means by "World Meteorology" is easily explained. Until a comparatively few years ago, meteorological institutions studied the changes and collected data in their own immediate areas. They did very well, too, and their labour was not wasted; its results are valuable even to the science of "World Meteorology," now being synthesized. But their meteorology was—as Hongkong's is alleged to be—of the "parochial" kind. Some of the more enthusiastic of them realized that their own areas did not tell them all they needed to know, so they entered into mutual compact with neighbouring countries for the exchange of data. This gave to meteorology a national or continental status. The synthesist of "World Meteorology" well knows to-day that even that was but a step

on the right road to complete usefulness, and the "World Meteorologist" requires to know not only the occurrences of neighbouring countries but of all the globe, even to the extreme antipodal area. In this colony and neighbourhood the immediate need of the public is to be warned of approaching storms, especially those of the peculiar typhoon type. In larger communities and for even larger interests to be prepared for the weather of to-morrow is not so important as to be prepared for the character of a whole season ensuing. The wider meteorology promises to tell whether next summer will be mild or severe. Dr. LOCKYER says so. But much patient observation, much careful recording, and much unselfish co-operation, is yet required. The huge atmospheric envelope of our globe is subject, far beyond its contiguous strata with which we are more or less familiar, to a peculiar oscillation and these oscillations are believed to be periodic. The praiseworthy work of Mr. BRANFORD, a meteorologist employed by the Indian Government, was responsible for this important discovery. Dr. LOCKYER and Sir NORMAN LOCKYER followed up his comparison of barometric pressures in India and Siberia, and as the result of collating the observations of 95 stations, all over the world, they found a regular antipodal sea-saw. When the pressure in Australia, to give an illustration, is extra high, the pressure in the United Kingdom is correspondingly low.

In fact, it seemed that the Indian region was about the centre of one area, while the Argentine and Chili formed the centre of the antipodal region. By classifying the different types of pressure changes according as they resembled the two main and opposite types, namely, Bombay (India) and Cordoba (Argentina), it became possible to trace out a boundary line separating these two large areas. It was at once seen that each of the regions which Brander and Hildebrandson had pointed out as behaving in a reverse manner to each other, were situated on opposite sides of this boundary line, and should therefore exhibit opposite pressure changes, according to the nature of this large sea-saw. A similar classification of pressure types was undertaken by Professor Bigelow, of the United States Weather Bureau, and he corroborated almost exactly this worldwide barometric surge.

If the reader will take a pencil, dip one end in syrup, and slowly turn it round, backwards and forwards, as the syrup collects at the depressed end, we take it he would get a good idea of the behaviour of the world's atmosphere, as more technically described above. It is not a wave of high and low pressure travelling round the globe, but a huge to-and-fro swing, in which the air partially deserts one hemisphere to mass on the other. It acts easterly and westerly, and is believed to be quite as important as the changes hitherto observable between the equator and the poles. Big things like droughts of continental scope may be confidently foretold and timed when the periodicity of this phenomenon has been mastered. At present one notion, to-and-fro included, is calculated to occupy on an average nearly four years, but a juster average will be possible in the future. The centre of the field varies naturally from its circumferential parts, and as the intervals do not appear to be of equal duration, nothing very definite in the way of forecasts can be expected till time has permitted more comprehensive study. The great thing for the moment is that such important forecasts are confidently predicted; the prophet himself and his advent is prophesied.

There will be no issue of the *Daily Press* on Wednesday, December 26th, but the paper will appear to-morrow (Christmas) morning as usual.

The *Gazette* publishes amendments made in the local Merchant Shipping Ordinance of 1899.

The portions of the harbour allotted as dangerous goods anchorages are published in the *Gazette*.

Professor J. J. Thomson, D. Sc., F.R.S., of Cambridge University, has been awarded the Nobel Prize for physics.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher to be his private secretary.

The list of copyright works which has been publicly exposed at the Supreme Court, is published in the *Government Gazette*.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. F. D. Barretto to be Consul for Mexico at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. have forwarded us an attractive calendar for the New Year, another pretty one to hand being that of the Central Fire Insurance Co.

The Hon. Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary, has been offered the position of Puisne Judge in the Straits Settlements. His decision is not yet announced.

The *Gazette* publishes the dates and places at which gun practice will be carried out by the Military Authorities, and warns ships, junks and other vessels to keep clear of the ranges.

A Shanghai coolie, convicted of stealing a copy of the *North China Daily News*, has entered upon a month's imprisonment.

Tuesday the 25th, Wednesday the 26th, Monday the 31st instant and Tuesday January 1st, will be kept as public holidays in the Colony. The 31st instant will not, however, be observed as a public holiday by the Police Magistrate's department.

The services in St. John's Cathedral on Christmas Day will be as follows:—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Matins, 11 a.m., Holy Communion, 12 noon. There will also be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Peak Church at 8 a.m.

The *Gazette* notices that Mr. S. Kelly, Inspector (Third Class), in the Sanitary Department, has been suspended from the exercise of his office pending the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding his dismissal from the Government service.

Mr. Haldane, speaking at Bedford, said that unless a settlement of the Education Bill be effected a secular system must result. The Lords challenged the Government's right to the claim that they had a mandate from the electors. The Cabinet is absolutely united on the necessity of taking up the challenge.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd. was held at Shanghai on December 17th for the purpose of considering the advisability of increasing the capital of the Company. Mr. E. C. Pearce presided. A resolution investing the Board with power to increase the capital of the firm from \$250,000 to \$500,000 was passed.

M. and Mme. Portier, the two most able amateur Theatians at Shanghai, have gone home, both having been seriously ill, but now happily convalescent. M. Portier consularly represented France and latterly Portugal also at the Settlement. The English, French and German A.D.C.'s made presentations to them at a public meeting. The departure of M. and Mme. Portier must cause a gap in Shanghai Society which will take long to fill.

A regulation made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council, under the Private Vehicles Licensing Ordinance, states that every truck, trolley or hand cart shall have a properly constructed brake or slide attached thereto for relieving the load when coming down a hill; that no truck, trolley or hand cart shall be so constructed or propelled as to be likely to cut up or cause damage to the road way.

Even the unfavourable weather could not keep Hongkong from the theatre on Saturday night, when for the third time the A.D.C. produced "The Hobby Horse." The curtain rose to a crowded house, and the performers, with confidence earned by successful achievement, went through the piece with professional aplomb, to the evident enjoyment of those who had paid to see them. We believe a repeat performance, if possible, would be fully justified.

The s.s. *Birma* which arrived in port on Saturday brought two royal visitors to our shore, one being H.R.H. Prince Valdemar of Denmark, and the other H.R.H. Prince George of Greece. The pair are taking advantage of an extended tour which has offered, to see the Orient, and are not therefore travelling in an official capacity. When the vessel entered port a royal salute came from the guns of H.M.S. *Tamar*. The *Birma* is expected to remain in port for three or four days.

It will be remembered that Mr. A. H. Reanish some time ago purchased Sir Paul, Chester's launch, *Christine*, to replace his own lost during the typhoon. She has been re-named the *Canada* and has been fitted up as a steam launch. Her motive power is no longer steam but liquid fuel, and on a trial run yesterday she proved herself the fastest launch in the harbour, doing thirteen knots an hour easily. When she leaves the Kowloon Dock Company she will be one of the best equipped of the harbour, while in the matter of speed she will be without a rival.

At the regular meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1,026, held on Friday evening, Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough, Deputy District Grand Master, presided and installed Bro. Lieut. Col. A. E. Aiken as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Wor. Bro. Aiken then invested the following officers:—Senior Warden, Bro. A. W. J. Watt; Junior Warden, Bro. J. Spencer Hough; Chaplain, Bro. H. T. Thomas; Treasurer, Bro. C. Rogers; Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gourdin; Senior Deacon, Bro. J. Owen Hughes; Junior Deacon, Bro. C. H. Blason; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. N. H. Rutherford; Stewards, Bro. C. Forsyth and A. Chapman; Organist, Bro. C. F. G. Grimble; Tyler, Bro. J. Yastone.

The *Nautical Magazine* says:—The launching of the *Manzanera* causes speculation as to who will be selected to undertake the immense responsibilities which will fall upon her commander. As the new Cunarders have been built under an agreement with His Majesty's Government, it is very probable that they will have some say as to how they shall be officered and manned. The impression exists that the Admiralty will insist upon the chief executive holding commissions in the Royal Naval Reserve. If this proves to be the case, it will deprive the two senior commanders in the Cunard Line from taking either of the vessels. The two senior Royal Naval Reserve officers serving in the Cunard Line at present are Commander D. Dow, R.N.R., of the E.M.S. *Unabria*, and Lieutenant J. W. T. Charles, R.N.R., of the *Saxonia*.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

OBITUARY.

London, December 23rd.

Principal Rainy is dead.

The Rev. Robert Rainy, D.D., was the principal of New College, Edinburgh. He is best known as a leader of the United Free Church of Scotland. He was instrumental in bringing about the Union of the Free Church and the United Presbyterian Church. Only a few weeks ago he retired from active work. He was 80 years of age.

[RECTOR'S SERVICE.]

THE EDUCATION BILL.

London, December 20th.

The motion in the House of Lords, protesting against the House of Commons' procedure re the Education Bill, was adopted by 138 to 52. Lord Lansdowne then put a resolution that the House insisted on the amendments. This means that the Bill is dead.

London, December 21st.

In the House of Commons, in reference to the Lords' message on Education Bill, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman moved that the order be discharged. This emphatic refusal to consider the amendments was received with Ministerial cheers. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman then said, the motion meant that the dead body of the Bill, which the Lords had left at their door might be carried out of sight. The motion was carried without a division.

THE LORDS AND THE EDUCATION BILL.

London, December 20th.

Lord Lansdowne's motion, insisting on the amendments to the Education Bill, was adopted by 133 to 52. Lord Crewe laid the responsibility for wrecking the Bill on the opposition.

The newspapers all agree that the country is on the eve of the most bitter controversy.

APPOINTMENT.

London, December 21st.

Lobby rumours say that Mr. Birrell will probably succeed Mr. Bryce.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

London, December 21st.

Parliament has been prorogued. Sir Edward Grey, in the House of Commons, said that he had no reason to believe Japanese goods would receive preferential rates on the Chinese Eastern Railway, but if evidence of such preference was forthcoming, further investigations would be made.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

London, December 21st.

Sir Edward Grey stated in the House that Great Britain had informed China that she was prepared to consider, sympathetically, any specific proposals regarding the importation and taxation of opium, and that proposals had since been received from China.

[N.C. Daily News' Service.]

THE MANCHURIAN COMMISSIONER.

Tokyo, December 16th.

Prince Taisi Chen left Mukden to-day for Yungling, but he will return and spend a week in the Manchurian capital on his road homeward.

ACCIDENT TO GENERAL NOGI.

Tokyo, December 16th.

General Nogi met with an accident by a fall from his horse and was temporarily rendered unconscious. The animal took fright in the vicinity of the palace and threw his rider headily. The condition of the veteran General is, however, steadily improving.

OSAKA ARSENAL STRIKE ENDED.

Tokyo, December 16th.

The general strike amongst the workmen employed at the Osaka Arsenal is now at an end.

EXPLOSION AT KOBE.

Tokyo, December 16th.

Eighteen persons have been severely injured by an explosion at the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard at Kobe.

A TOKYO RUMOUR.

Tokyo, December 17th.

With reference to the rumour recently current to the effect that the French Consul at Shanghai was taking proceedings against certain ocean emigrants to recover a sum of money alleged to have been lent to the Korean Court during the late war, it has been ascertained that this rumour was based on the action of a French merchant in Shanghai, who is prosecuting a claim of \$1,000,000 as damages for the abrupt cancellation of a contract of shipping which the Korean Court contracted to deliver prior to the institution of the Japanese administration in Korea.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND FEDERAL SUPERVISOR.

ANOTHER MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

Tokyo, December 17th.

President Roosevelt has sent another Message to Congress urging the necessity of Federal supervision over the affairs of individual states, with regard to questions in which foreign interests are involved.

SAN FRANCISCO LABOUR PROTEST.

Tokyo, December 17th.
The Labour Union at San Francisco is to hold a meeting for the purpose of protesting against the naturalization of Japanese.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

GODOWN MEASUREMENTS.

Shanghai, December 18th.

SIR,—Will you allow a sinner to make atonement in your columns for one cubic foot miscalculation?

I am obliged to Mr. David J. Lennox and Mr. A. B. C. for their correction. I admit my mistake, but plead extenuating circumstances, for the reason that in reality I am not six but only one cubic-foot wrong in my calculation, namely:—

Gross measurement	1. cub. ft.
Less 30% for passages	30
Less 20% for loss in stowage	14
Less 5% of the entire floor space used for stairs, shafts, for elevators, pillars and tally tables	56 c. ft.
Total available space	31 c. ft.

That extra foot I will make a present of to the gentlemen—Yours, etc.

G. NIELSEN.

YOKOHAMA COAL TRANSACTION.

On the 16th instant, in the Yokohama District Court, before Judge Matsuda, the hearing was resumed of the action, adjourned from November 24th, filed by Mr. E. C. Davis, of Messrs. Samuel Samuel & Co., against the Toyo Shokai, claiming the sum of ¥14,961.89 for Australian coal supplied. Messrs. Idemura and Akiyama appeared for the plaintiff, reports the *Japan Herald*, and Mr. Harada for the defendant.

Mr. Montagu Beard, Vice-Chairman of the Yokohama Foreign Board of Trade, who was examined as an expert witness, testified that the document shown him by the Court was an invoice properly executed. He did not know of an instance where an invoice was made up to cover all goods shipped in separate lots and on different dates.

Mr. Noma Takao, a Customs official, who was next examined as an expert witness, testified that it was the rule with the Customs to compute an English ton at 1,694.32 lbs. in Japanese weight in accordance with the supplementary protocol to the Anglo-Japanese and German-Japanese Treaties of Commerce. According to the Customs record, the steamship "Congo" arrived at Yokohama on January 10th this year at 10 a.m.

The Court asked defendant's Counsel whether he disputed the claim on the strength of Article 258 of the Commercial Law, to which Mr. Harada replied that he contended the case on the ground of the non-fulfilment of contract.

Mr. Akiyama prayed the Court to submit to Mr. Beard the documents issued by the Pacific Coal Co., of Australia, to prove the point whether the said Company usually issued such documents after the sale of the coal.

The Court overruled the application as unnecessary.

Mr. Harada said at the previous hearing the plaintiff represented to the Court that the sample coal was submitted by both parties to the Yokohama Hygienic Laboratory for analysis, but he now discovered that while the sample coal was selected by the representatives of both parties it was the representative of the plaintiff company who took it to the Hygienic Laboratory for analysis. There was no knowing whether the plaintiff did or did not submit to the Laboratory the best part of the coal for analysis.

Mr. Akiyama asked defendant's Counsel whether he admitted that defendants took a sample of the coal to the Laboratory for analysis on two different occasions, but Mr. Harada pleaded ignorance on the point.

Mr. Harada prayed the Court to call Mr. Yoshida as a witness to prove that the actual quantity of coal delivered did not exceed 3,941 tons.

The Court overruled the application as being immaterial to the point at issue.

Mr. Akiyama argued that the case practically resolved itself into the point as to whether the plaintiff delivered to the defendants the goods in due course of time according to contract against which the defendants paid a sum of ¥20,000 as balance on the plea of inferiority of the goods.

Mr. Harada contended that the defendants made a contract with a commercial partnership trading under the firm name of Samuel Samuel & Co., so it was technically improper for the plaintiff to bring the action in his name describing himself as a representative of the partnership. The sum of ¥20,000 was not paid as part payment as alleged, but the sum was advanced to the plaintiff's firm before the delivery of the goods. Counsel also stated that the quantity actually delivered did not exceed 3,941 tons, and that the commercial usage in vogue must govern the computation of the English ton by Japanese weight.

Mr. Akiyama argued that the plaintiff, as a partner of the firm, was authorised to represent the partnership in a law suit, and asked the Court to give judgment in favour of his client, as the evidence adduced to the Court in his favour was conclusive.

Judgment was reserved until the 18th inst.

The time may be not long distant when the mass meeting in the Shanghai Town Hall may be regarded as almost epoch-making in its significance, says the *N.C. Daily News*, referring to the changed control of the Natural Feet Society. Ten years ago, few would have ventured to prophesy that such a gathering would have been possible. The great floor space and the gallery and platform also were literally packed with Chinese, men and women together, who watched with the keenest interest the handing over from the foreign ladies of the Tien Tan Hui to the Chinese Committee, which is to take up the work, the symbols of the Society's operations. Anti-footbinding has passed the stage of being a reform that is ridiculed or merely talked about. It has won the approval of the highest and most influential in the land and has been taken up with an enthusiasm of which a phlegmatic people might have been thought hardly capable. It was possibly a sad moment for Mrs. Archibald Little and her lady coadjutors when they decided to lay down their active work, but they have every reason to be proud of the success which made such a meeting possible.

POLICE COURT.

Saturday, December 22nd.

BEFORE MR. T. A. HAZELAND (First Police Magistrate).

THE ALLEGED ASSAULT BY INDIANS.

The case in which Mr. P. W. Goldring summoned two soldiers of the 123rd Baluchi Regiment for assault, and in which a cross summons is taken out against that gentleman and Mr. F. C. Barlow for assault, was called. Mr. G. E. Morrell, from the Crown Solicitor's Office, appeared for Messrs. Goldring and Barlow, and Mr. C. D. Wilkinson appeared for the Indians. It had been reported that Messrs. Goldring and Barlow had received an apology from the regiment and that the matter was likely to be settled out of court, but subsequent proceedings proved that that was not so.

Mr. Wilkinson said he would have to ask for another round. When the case came before his Worship some time ago he wrote to his client but the regiment was then in camp and he thought it was still there. He wrote to Colonel Price last week but had not received an answer and he could only suppose that he did not get the letter. He understood that the regiment would be returning about Christmas time but he really did not know where they were and had heard nothing further from them. If the case stood over he would do his best to get the men here.

Mr. Morrell—I object strongly to the case standing over any longer. I do not know whether the men are here.

Mr. Wilkinson—They are not here.

Mr. Morrell—Then I apply for a warrant for their arrest.

His Worship—Oh no, I cannot give a warrant. Mr. Morrell—I have now been here several times and the case is being continually remanded; there is no effort to get the men here.

Mr. Wilkinson—I have written twice to my clients and I object to my friend saying things like that.

His Worship—I cannot issue a warrant and I must grant a remand as the men are not here. I certainly consider that they should be here.

Mr. Morrell—I think it is simply contempt of court.

His Worship (to Mr. Wilkinson)—You must try and get these men here. I think they should be here.

Mr. Morrell—Your Worship should grant us costs; I have been up here several times.

His Worship—I have no power to give costs. The only thing I can do is to fix a day when they must undertake to have the men here.

Mr. Wilkinson—I cannot do that, but will do my best to have them here.

Mr. Morrell—If they are not here the case against Mr. Goldring and Mr. Barlow should be struck out.

His Worship—I will fix the hearing for next Saturday and the men must come.

FALSE PRETENCES.

Charles Frank Nicholson, a seaman employed on board the *Sardinia*, was charged with obtaining £22 and 5s from Audrey Swirlow of the Sailor's Home by means of a trick, and was remanded pending further inquiries.

AMERICAN FLEET'S VISIT.

The continual booming of guns on Saturday morning heralded the arrival of the American Far Eastern Squadron which is on a visit to Hongkong extending over ten days. At about 11 o'clock on Saturday morning the four large cruisers, the *West Virginia*, the *Pennsylvania*, the *Maryland* and the *Colorado* arrived in the harbour and saluted the port, the courtesy being returned. Then salutes were exchanged between the visitors and the representatives of the French, German and Austrian navies in the men-of-war anchorage. The American fleet is commanded by Rear-Admiral W. H. Brownson, whose flagship is the *West Virginia*.

As the foreign anchorage was practically filled with visiting warships, there was only room therein for two of the American vessels. The Harbour Master, however, came to the rescue by providing two suitable berths in the commercial anchorage for the others, communicating this intelligence to the two vessels by wireless telegraphy, and they were soon snug in their allotted places with anchors down.

This squadron of up-to-date cruisers has a complement all told of 3,800 officers and men, each vessel carrying a crew of 900. The fleet left Manila on December 20th, crossing the China sea at a fifteen knot speed which brought them here sooner than expected.

CHINESE CONSUL ON CURRENCY.

SILVER AND GOLD.

The Hon. Stephen Westcott Nickerson, an American lawyer of Boston, Mass., a gentleman whose ancestry is of British origin, and who had during the agitation of the silver question in the United States in the nineties some considerable prominence in his own country, favours us with interesting articles on the gold, silver and money question. He is the Consul for China at Boston, and is travelling in the Orient for his health. Mr. Nickerson is well-known in his own country as a writer of financial topics. He published a brief but excellent history of the Bank of England some years ago, and his essay upon the law of money is a valuable contribution to legal literature. H.E. Wu Ting-fang appointed him vice-consul at Boston for China in June, 1902, and the present Chinese Minister at Washington, Sir Chungtung Liang-cheong K.C.M.G., raised his rank to consul in March, 1905. Though the introductory articles of the writer are rather historical, the succeeding ones will deal more particularly with the subject upon which Mr. Nickerson has bestowed so much time and attention.

The first article will appear in our next issue, (Tuesday morning).

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.
To-morrow, Wednesday the 26th, Monday the 27th, Tuesday the 28th, and Wednesday the 29th, are observed as public holidays. The Post Office will be closed from 11 a.m. until 11 a.m. on the other holidays for one hour only from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. There will be no delivery of letters and one collection as on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.
Christmas Cards (if prepaid at Printed Matter rates) must be posted either in an unfastened envelope or in a cover which can be easily removed for the purpose of examination without breaking any seal or tearing any paper or separating any adhering surfaces. Covers may be secured with string.
Cards in closed envelopes with notched corners or corners cut will be taxed as letters. The best method of sending Cards is to enclose them in an envelope with the flap turned in.

The *Suzhou*, with the French mail of the 23rd ultimo, left Saigon on Friday, the 21st inst. at 4 p.m., and may be expected here today. This packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on the 21st October.

FOR	PER	DATE
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	C. P. Lewis	Monday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Amoy	Chongchiao	Monday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Hongkong and Haiphong	Procto	Monday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Chongchiao	Monday, 24th, 1.15 P.M.
Amoy	Chongchiao	Monday, 24th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chongchiao	Monday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Hongkong and Penang	Chongchiao	Monday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
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Shanghai, Penang and Colombo	Tungo Maru	Tuesday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Amoy	Chongchiao	Tuesday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Hongkong and Haiphong	Chongchiao	Tuesday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, December 22nd.

COMPANY. PAID UP. QUOTATIONS.

Alhambra \$200 \$120.

Banks—

Hongkong & Shanghai \$125 \$825.

National Bank of China \$25 \$47, buyers.

Sui's Asbestos E. A. \$125 \$6, sellers.

China-Borneo Co. \$12 \$10, sellers.

China Light & P. Co. \$10 \$10, sellers.

China Provision Co. \$10 \$9.25.

Cotton Mills—

Ewo \$10 \$13, sellers.

International \$10 \$13, sellers.

Laoan Kung Mow \$10 \$13, buyers.

Soyabean \$10 \$13, buyers.

Dairy Farm \$8 \$14, buyers.

Decks and Wharves—

H. & K. Wharf & G. \$50 \$31, buyers.

H. & W. Dock \$50 \$14.5, sellers.

New Amoy Dock \$50 \$16, sellers.

Shanghai Dock and \$10 \$13, buyers.

King, Co., Ltd. \$10 \$13, buyers.

Sui & H. Ward \$10 \$13, buyers.

Fenwick & Co. \$25 \$21, sellers.

Green Island Cement \$25 \$21, buyers.

Hongkong & C. Gas \$10 \$17.5, buyers.

Hongkong Electric \$10 \$14, sales & buy.

H. H. L. Tramways \$10 \$21.5.

Hongkong Hotel Co. \$10 \$12.1.

Hongkong Ice Co. \$25 \$23.5, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Co. \$10 \$22, sellers.

Huiyong S. Waterbat \$10 \$17.1, sellers.

Insurance—

Canton \$10 \$20.1, sellers.

China Fire \$10 \$20, sellers.

China Traders \$10 \$20, sellers.

Hongkong & Shanghai \$10 \$20, sellers.

North China \$10 \$20, sellers.

Union \$10 \$20, sellers.

Yangtze \$10 \$20, sellers.

Land and Building—

Hongkong Land \$10 \$10.5, buyers.

Hampden's Estate \$10 \$11, buyers.

Kowloon Land & B. \$10 \$8.5, sellers.

Shanghai Land \$10 \$11, buyers.

West Point Building \$10 \$11, buyers.

Zeeuw \$10 \$11, buyers.

Charbonnages \$10 \$11, buyers.

Leuven \$10 \$11, buyers.

Philippine Co. \$10 \$11, buyers.

Radicals—

China Sugar \$10 \$12.5, sales.

Laoan Sugar \$10 \$12.5, sales.

Steamship Companies—

China and Manila \$10 \$21, sellers.

Douglas Steamship \$10 \$21, sellers.

H. Canton & M. \$10 \$21, sellers.

Indo-China S. N. Co. \$10 \$21, sellers.

Shell Transport Co. \$10 \$21, sellers.

Star Ferry \$10 \$21, sellers.

Sui & H. Ward \$10 \$21, sellers.

South China M. Post. \$10 \$21, sales.

Steam Laundry Co. \$10 \$21, sales.

Stores & Dispensaries—

Campbell, M. & Co. \$10 \$32.

Powell & Co. \$10 \$32, sellers.

Watson & Co. \$10 \$32, sellers.

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United Asbestos \$10 \$32, buyers.

Do. Foundries \$10 \$32, buyers.

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Amoy, German str. 321, Ballon, 15th Dec.

Pakhoi 12th Dec. and Hoihow 14th.

Jing and General—Jagen & Co.

Amoy, British str. 683, H. Plambeck, 14th

December—Amoy 13th Dec. General.

Sander, Wieler & Co.

ANDREAS RICKMERS, German str. 1,020, W.

Tubert, 9th Dec.—Bangkok 29th Nov.

Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.

AMSTON AVCA, British str. 2,331, A. E.

Cassidy, 10th Dec.—Calcutta 14th Dec.

Peang, 10th Dec.—Singapore 13th Dec.

General—David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.

BOURBON, French str. 980, Le Bail, 30th Nov.

Saigon 27th Nov. General—Chinese.

CARNAVAL, British str. 4,241, Jackson,

30th Dec.—London 4th Nov. and Straits

14th Dec. General, Shawan, Times & Co.

CHANGHONG, British str. 1,213, Harrison,

2nd Dec.—Peang and Singapore 10th

Dec. General—Chinese.

CHONGSHING, British str. 1,256, S. J. Payne,

7th Dec.—Tientsin 1st Dec. General—

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHONGSHING, British str. 1,199, G. S. Weir,

13th Dec.—Tientsin 8th Dec. General—

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHONGSHING, British str. 1,055, P. Spiesen,

16th Dec.—Amoy 6th Dec. Rice and

Wool—Butterfield & Swire.

CHONGSHING, British str. 1,117, Cox, 21st

December—Sourabaya 10th Dec. Sugar—

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLARA JENSEN, German str. 1,103, J. Jensen,

20th Dec.—Hankow 18th Dec.

General—Jagen & Co.

ELIZABETH RICKMERS, German str. 997, W.

Rufahr, 20th Dec.—Bangkok 13th Dec.

Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

EMPEROR OF CHINA, British str. 3,046, R.

Archibald, R.N.R. 18th Dec.—Vancouver

27th Nov. Mails and General—C.F.B. Co.

FAIRBANK, British str. 1,145, W. H. 14th

December—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FEICHO, Chinese str. 924, Spedding, 16th

Dec.—Chefoo 11th Dec. General—

Chinese.

FRIGATA, Norwegian str. 845, C. Bergh, 20th

Dec.—Japan 13th Dec. General—

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

GERMANIA, German str. 1,714, H. Lorenzen,

4th Dec.—Bangkok 25th Nov. Rice—

Jagen & Co.

GLENNON, British str. 2,389, W. T. Larkins,

2nd Dec.—Singapore 14th Dec. General—

Chinese.

HANGHONG, British str. 1,358, Spencer Wilde,

18th Dec.—Shanghai via Swatow 13th Dec.

General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HOLMES, Chinese str. 1,105, A. Neijahr, 2nd

Dec.—Hankow 16th Dec. General—

Rice and Pigs—Jagen & Co.

HUIHOW, British str. 1,217, A. Forsyth, 11th

December—Tientsin 4th Dec. General—

Butterfield & Swire.

INCA, Norwegian str. 1,578, Spinnage, 17th

Dec.—Sourabaya 11th Dec. Coal—

Arnold, Karberg & Co.

KARLE, British str. 1,141, J. Speed, 10th

Dec.—Chefoo 9th Dec. General—

Butterfield & Swire.

KASATO MARU, Japanese str. 3,223, W. C. T.

S. Finner, 18th Dec.—Kobe 14th

Dec. General—Kobe 14th Dec.

KANG CHING, Chinese str. 1,002, Brissander,

24th Dec.—Changhai 14th Dec. General—

Chinese.

KIRITO, Japanese str. 1,448, S. Hirai, 11th

Dec.—Saigon 8th Dec. Rice—

Gilman & Co.

KORRA, Amr. str. 5,651, Samuel Sandberg,

14th Dec.—San Francisco via ports 20th

Nov. Mails & General—P. M. S. S. Co.

KURICHOW, British str. 1,215, G. Hooker, 10th

Dec.—Tientsin 1st Dec. and Chefoo

5th Dec.—Butterfield & Swire.

KEMASO, British str. 2,778, E. J. Haller,

16th Dec.—Sourabaya 13th Dec. General—

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